

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
CHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
January 24, 2019 6:00pm**

The meeting of the Chester Board of Education was held on Thursday, January 24, 2019. In attendance were Tom Englert, Becky Iselin, John Stack, Charlene Fearon, Theresa Myers and Rob Bibbiani(Arrival 6:57pm). Also in attendance were Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent, Kristina Martineau, Assistant Superintendent, Kim Allen, Business Manager, Tyson Stoddard, Principal and Kelley Frazier, Clerk. Absent: David Fitzgibbon, Rob Bibbiani, Rebecca Greenberg-Ellis and Maria Scherber.

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairman, John Stack, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Tom Englert and seconded by Theresa Myers the Chester Board of Education **VOTED** unanimously to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2018 regular meeting and the Accounts Payable report.

STUDENT REPORT

Brian Kalkreuth, Chester Elementary Math Coach discussed Math programs offered at Chester Elementary School. Fourth grade students discussed the math enrichment activities they are participating in.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

OTHER ITEMS:

Principal's Update

General Update

Mr. Stoddard gave a brief update of the events happening at Chester Elementary. Mr. Stack noted that he would like K-3 students participating in the Invention Convention be allowed to do an experiment as part of their project so that science remains a focus. A service project is being discussed for the students to participate in.

Possible VOTE to Accept Donation from the United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut in the amount of \$570.00.

Upon a motion made by Tom Englert and seconded by Theresa Myers the Chester Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to accept the donation of two checks in the amount of \$285.00 from the United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut.

REPORTS

Financial Status Report – Ms. Allen

Ms. Allen gave a brief update on the financial status for Chester Elementary School. Trends indicate a surplus at the end of the year. Ms. Allen will remain vigilant of any

unforeseen circumstances and will keep the Board informed of any developments as they arise.

Cafeteria Report – Ms. Allen

Ms. Allen gave an update on the status of the cafeteria budget. Revenue has been received through November, but the federal government closure could affect this.

Committee Reports

Finance - Next meeting is January 29, 2019.

Curriculum – Next meeting is January 29, 2019.

Policy – Next meeting is January 28, 2019.

Supervision District Committee Update

There have been several budget workshops. This budget will go to Public Hearing on February 4, 2019. Mr. Stack discussed the consolidation of services. A list of consolidated items are being requested by Board members. Efficiencies will be realized if Network Techs are moved into Supervision District. It would also allow having multiple techs tackle big issues. Art, Music and FLES are in Supervision District currently. It is suggested that PE also be moved into Supervision District. Mr. Stack asked members to explain how services are being regionalized to the public. The Supervision District Board agrees that Chester Elementary is not in jeopardy. The FLES curriculum will be reviewed. The Library media specialist is increasing their time to include upper elementary grades. Mr. Stack asked that the Library Media Specialist be called Information Science or Information Technology.

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No update.

Joint Ad Hoc School Security Advisory Committee

All five schools have been prioritized as to their security needs. Additional training will be done. Central Office updates will be under Region 4 budgets.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

General Update

Ms. Martineau gave a brief update. The language of assessment is being reviewed. K-12 standards for all content areas is also being reviewed and adjusted as to student needs. Progress Reports and Report Cards will better communicate student progress.

Superintendent's Report

District Update

Critical and Creative Problem Solving

On February 25th the Wellness Committee and Tri Town will host the Choose Love program featuring Jessie Lewis. This is from 6:30 until 8:00pm at John Winthrop. Dr. Levy is working with Mr. Seidman and Senator Needleman on legislative issues. Bill 57 and Bill 454 are being researched regarding consolidation of schools. Board members

are invited to the CABA Legislative breakfast on February 1st at 7:30am. The Chester Board would like legislators to voice their opinion on Bill 454 and Bill 457.

Information and Communication

Discussion Regarding any Pending Policies

First Reading of Joint BOE Policy Committee's Recommended Revisions to the Following Policies

Policies were discussed. The second read will be at the Joint Board of Education meeting.

#5141.4 Students – Reporting Suspected Abuse

#5131.81 Students – Use of Private Technology

#3323 Business – Soliciting Prices

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next Joint BOE meeting February 21, 2019
- Next Chester BOE Meeting is March 21, 2019 @ 7:00pm
- Chester BOE Workshops Jan 31st, Feb 12th, Mar 5th @ 6:00pm at Central Office
- BOE and Community Input for 2019-20 (On-Going)
- BOE Self Evaluation (TBD)

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 7:11p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Secretary